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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified newly filed application as follows.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9 with the following clean version:

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Specifically the present invention provides an anionic electrodeposition coating composition comprising (a) about from 20 to 70 % by weight of acrylic resin; (b) about from 5 to 40 % by weight of emulsified polymer containing alkoxysilyl groups and produced by a multiple stage emulsion polymerization of unsaturated monomers, wherein about from 5 to 40% by weight of the unsaturated monomers used in the multiple stage emulsion polymerization contain alkoxysilyl groups, and the polymerization is carried out in the presence of water and emulsifier; and (c) about from 20 to 60 % by weight of at least one crosslinking agent.